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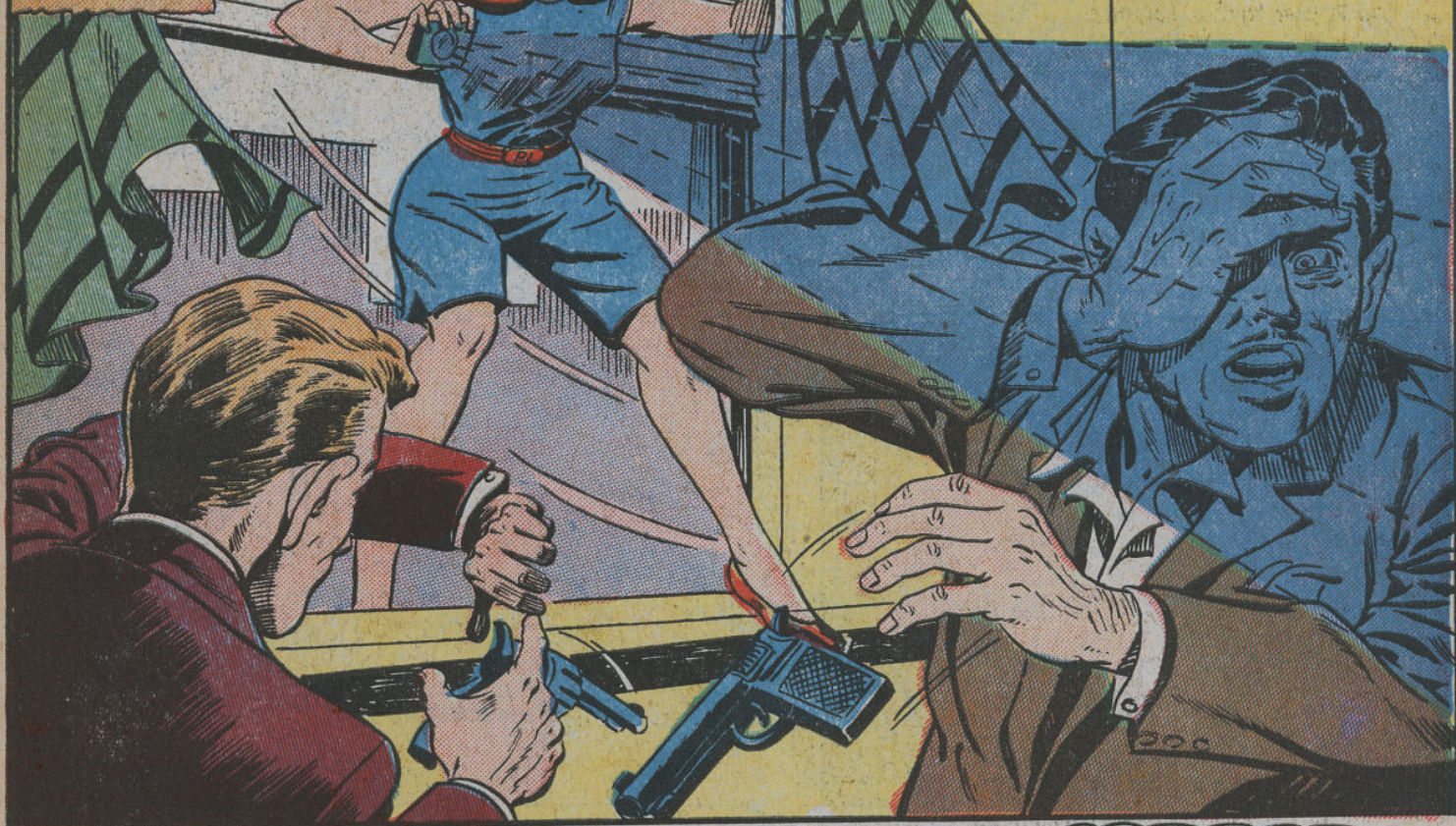
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WHEN IT COMES TO LOW-MINDED SCHEMES, PHANTOM LADY DISCOVERED A RECORD-BREAKING LOW, AND THEN MOVED IN TO SEE THAT JUSTICE PREVAILED OVER THE MEANEST MEN IN THE WORLD!

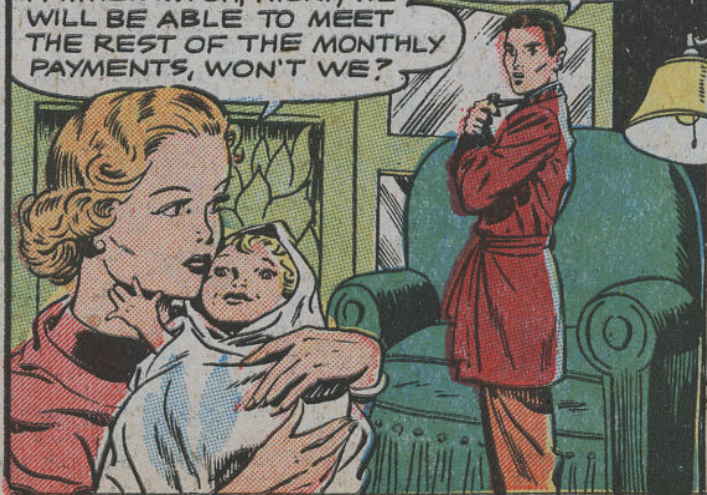
PHANTOM Lady



NICK AND MARY SMALL HAD WAITED A WARTIME TO SEE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE... AND NOW THAT THEY WERE REALLY STARTED, MARY STILL FELT A TWINGE OF APPREHENSION... WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO MEET ALL THE PAYMENTS TO COME, OR HAD THEY TAKEN ON TOO MUCH OF A RESPONSIBILITY?

IF ONLY THE HOUSE HADN'T COST EVERY PENNY WE HAD FOR JUST THE DOWN PAYMENT... OH, NICKY, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THE REST OF THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS, WON'T WE?

SURE WE WILL, HONEY... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT SO MUCH...



WISH I COULD STOP WORRYING AS EASILY AS I TELL HER TO... IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO PAY UP, BUT I'LL MAKE IT SOMEHOW... MARY AND THE BABY DESERVE THE BEST, AND I'LL WORK NIGHTS IF I HAVE TO...



NICK
WOULD REALLY
WORRY IF HE
KNEW WHAT
WAS TAKING
PLACE IN
THE OFFICE
OF THE
SALESMAN
WHO HAD
SOLD HIM HIS
NEW HOME...
HIS VERY
FUTURE WAS
IN THEIR
HANDS...
TEMPORARILY...



THIS IS THE
DOWN PAYMENT
ON SMALL'S
HOUSE... NOW
WE CAN GO TO
WORK...

BARTON, YOU'RE A
GENIUS... SELLING
THE SAME HOUSE
NINE TIMES AL-
READY! OKAY, WE
START TOMORROW...
HE'LL NEVER GET TO
MAKE HIS FIRST PAY-
MENT!



GOT TO HURRY... DON'T WANT
TO BE LATE, AND I SURE
CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE MY
JOB NOW... HEY— THAT
TRUCK... COMING RIGHT AT
ME! NO ROOM TO GET
OUT OF ITS PATH!



I COULDN'T GET
OUT OF THEIR
WAY, OFFICER... IT
WASN'T MY FAULT,
THEY DIDN'T EVEN
STOP!

MAYBE NOT,
BUT HOW
ABOUT
THIS MAN'S
DAMAGE?

SOMEONE'S
GOT TO
PAY FOR
THIS!

NICK HAD
FURTHER
EXPLAINING
TO DO TO HIS
BOSS... FOR
DESPITE HIS
GOOD INTENTIONS,
HE WAS LATE...
AND SO THE
WHEELS OF
FATE HAD
STARTED TO
TURN... AND
THEY WERE
TURNING LUCK
AWAY FROM
NICK SMALL...
BUT A FEW
DAYS LATER,
IN WASHINGTON...



I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT
WITH SOME YOUNG
VETERANS, DON'T
TAKE MY DAUGHTER
OUT TO LUNCH...
OR ANYWHERE...
AWAY WITH
BOTH OF YOU...
SCAT!

OH,
DADDY,
JUST BE-
CAUSE
YOU'RE A
SENATOR, YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO BE SO
BRISK
WITH US!



SANDRA! SHAME ON
YOU! EAVESDROPPING
ON YOUR OWN
FATHER!

I JUST
WANT TO
SEE IF HE'S
REALLY
BUSY!

AND IF
PHANTOM LADY
COULD HELP HIM...
HE LOOKED
QUITE CONCERNED
OVER SOME-
THING!



THESE MEN READ ABOUT MY
ACCIDENT, AND WHEN THEY SAW
MY ADDRESS, THEY CONTACTED
ME... THEY HAD SIMILAR
ACCIDENTS... COULDN'T
MAKE PAYMENTS ON
THEIR HOMES
AND LOST
THEM... I TELL
YOU IT'S A RACKET,
SIR!

WE WANT
AN INVESTI-
GATION,
SIR!

CHEATING WAR VETERANS IS THE LOWEST TYPE OF CRIME, AND SANDRA KNIGHT, ALIAS PHANTOM LADY, IS INCENSED AT WHAT SHE HEARS...

AN INVESTIGATION WILL TAKE TIME...AND PROOF! BUT I PROMISE THAT IF THIS MAN IS MAKING YOU MISS PAYMENTS SO HE CAN FORECLOSE...I GIVE YOU MY WORD THAT WE'LL GET HIM!

TIME! PROOF! PHANTOM LADY CAN PROBABLY HASTEN THIS WORTHY CAUSE... ANYTHING IS WORTH A TRY!

OH, DON... JUST REMEMBERED A HAIRDRESSING APPOINTMENT... I'M LATE!

HUH? BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR LUNCHEON DATE? GOLLY, WHO CAN UNDERSTAND WOMEN...

SANDRA HAS CHANGED TO PHANTOM LADY, AND...

HMMM... THOSE TOUGH-LOOKING CHARACTERS ARE INTERESTED IN MR. SMALL, TOO... COULD IT BE THAT I'VE HIT UPON SOMETHING ALREADY? I'D BETTER TRAIL ALONG...

REMEMBER, NO HEAVY STUFF... JUST MUSS HIM UP A BIT!

YEAH, I KNOW...

I HATE FACING MARY... HER HEART WILL BE BROKEN.

NICK WAS SO DEEP IN HIS THOUGHTS, HE DIDN'T SEE THE FOOT THRUST OUT TO TRIP HIM...

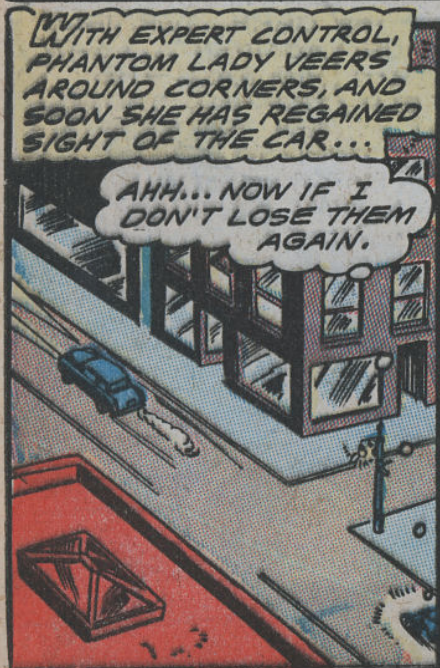
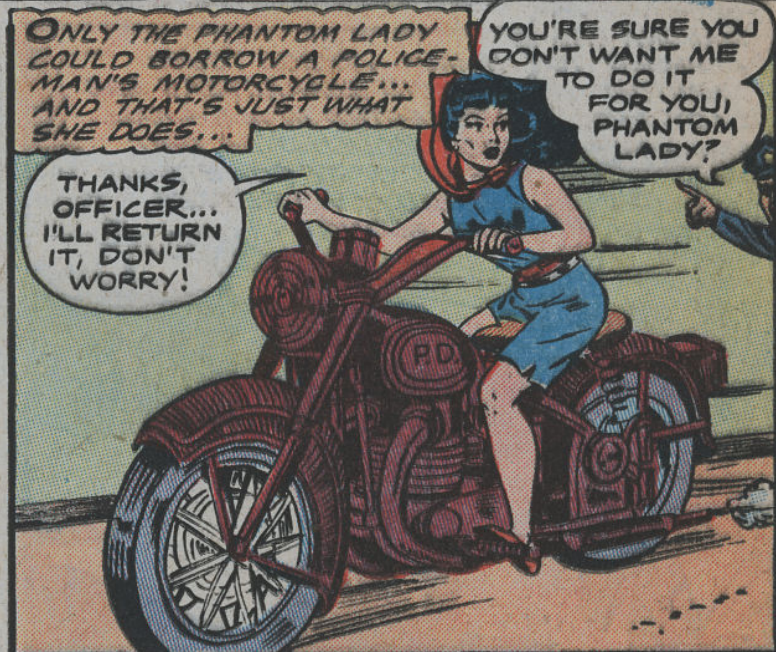
HOLD ON! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO FALL *THAT* WAY! WE'RE NOT TRYING TO FINISH YOU...

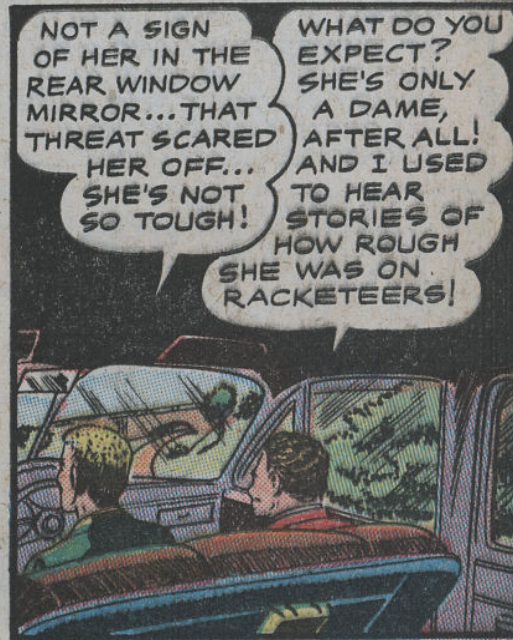
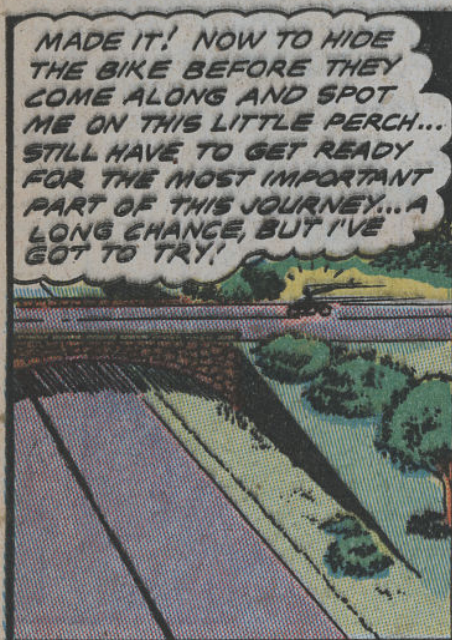
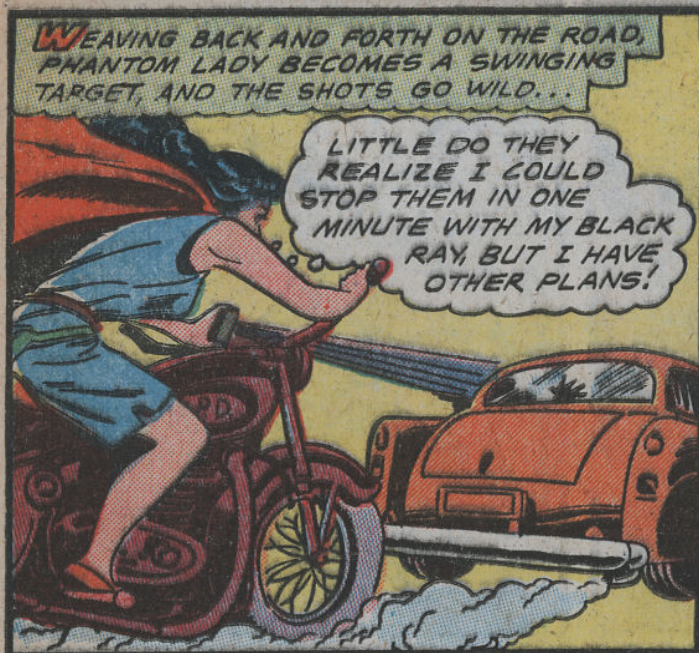
OHH... LOST MY BALANCE!

COURAGE, MISTER—I'LL HELP YOU!

OHHH... TERRIBLE ACCIDENT... I SAW HIM FALL—HE TRIPPED! THOSE MEN TRIED TO CATCH HIM!

MUSTN'T MOVE... I'LL BE SAFE IF I DON'T MOVE!





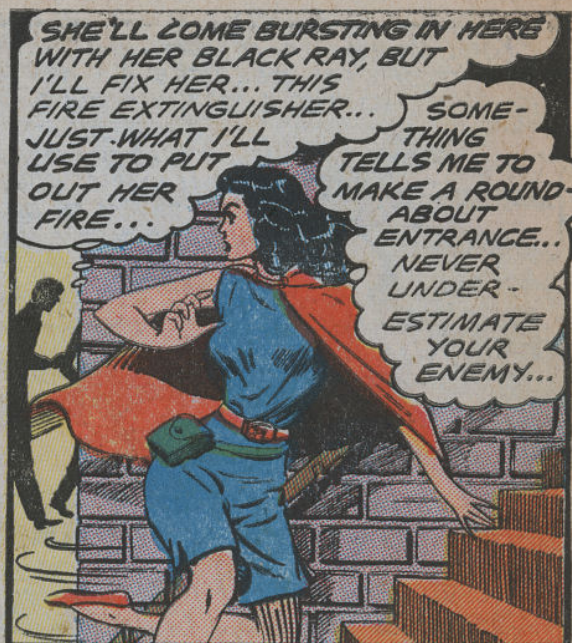
BUT THE BEST OF PLANS GO WRONG... PHANTOM LADY IS ONLY IN FOR TROUBLE BECAUSE FROM AN OFFICE WINDOW, BARTON OBSERVES THE WHOLE SCHEME, AND RAPIDLY MAKES FOR A COUNTER-ATTACK... AND REMEMBER, BARTON THINKS OF HIMSELF AS A "BUSINESS MAN", NOT A GANGSTER!



SO THIS IS THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS! GOOD... I MAY EVEN MEET THEIR BOSS!

FOOLS! THEY'VE ESCORTED PHANTOM LADY RIGHT TO MY DOORSTEP!

MAYBE I SHOULD GO IN FOR FIREARMS AFTER ALL!

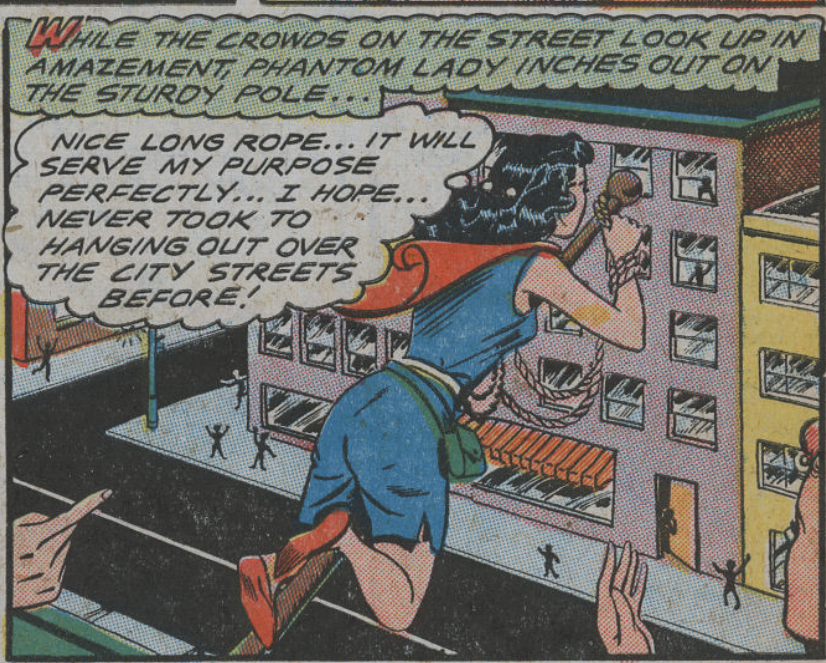


SHE'LL COME BURSTING IN HERE WITH HER BLACK RAY, BUT I'LL FIX HER... THIS FIRE EXTINGUISHER... JUST WHAT I'LL USE TO PUT OUT HER FIRE...

SOME-THING TELLS ME TO MAKE A ROUND-ABOUT ENTRANCE... NEVER UNDER-ESTIMATE YOUR ENEMY...



SEEMS I ALWAYS HAVE TO DO THINGS THE HARD WAY, BUT THIS FLAGPOLE IS A HANDY GADGET FOR ENTERING AN OFFICE WHERE YOU'RE UNINVITED AND UNWELCOME!

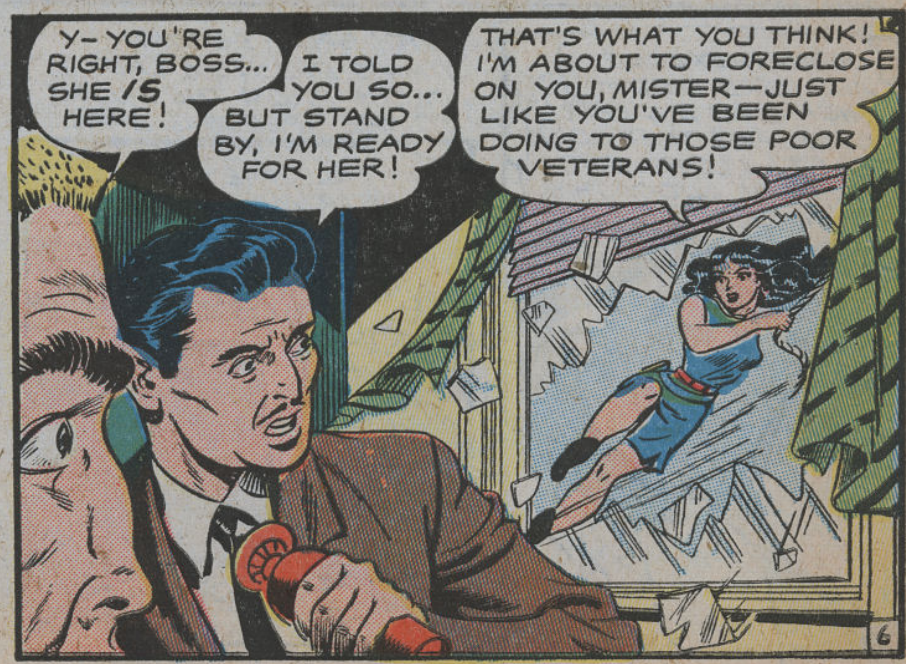


WHILE THE CROWDS ON THE STREET LOOK UP IN AMAZEMENT, PHANTOM LADY INCHES OUT ON THE STURDY POLE...

NICE LONG ROPE... IT WILL SERVE MY PURPOSE PERFECTLY... I HOPE... NEVER TOOK TO HANGING OUT OVER THE CITY STREETS BEFORE!



HOW CAN YOU BE SO STUPID? I DON'T CARE IF YOU DIDN'T SEE HER, I TELL YOU SHE'S RIGHT HERE... SOMEWHERE... AND YOU TWO DUMB MUGGS BROUGHT HER HERE! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN I COULDN'T RELY ON YOU!



Y- YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS... I TOLD YOU SO... BUT STAND BY, I'M READY FOR HER!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! I'M ABOUT TO FORECLOSE ON YOU, MISTER—JUST LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DOING TO THOSE POOR VETERANS!

FRANTICALLY, BARTON TRIES TO STRIKE PHANTOM LADY WITH THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER, BUT HIS AIM IS RUINED, THANKS TO THE BLACK RAY THAT PLACES HIM IN A THOROUGH BLACK-OUT...

GET HER, YOU DUMBBELLS!

NO USE, BOSS...

WE'RE IN TROUBLE AS IT IS...

WE'RE TURNING STATE'S EVIDENCE... HEAR THAT, PHANTOM LADY? YOU'LL GO EASY ON US, WON'T YOU?

I'M NOT THE LAW—YOU'LL ANSWER FOR YOUR OWN CRIMES... BUT THERE'S ONE THING I WANT FROM YOU, BARTON... SOMETHING YOU OWE SOMEBODY WHO IS A DECENT CITIZEN!

ANYTHING... ONLY LET ME SEE... TURN OFF THAT BLACK RAY!

THIS WILL RUIN ME! AFTER I SIGN THESE DEEDS, I'LL BE BROKE!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT... YOU WON'T NEED ANY MONEY IN JAIL... COME ON, KEEP SIGNING... THEN WE GO FOR A SHORT RIDE... TO THE POLICE STATION!

AND IN THE MORNING MAIL, AT THE TROUBLED SMITH HOUSEHOLD...

MARY, LOOK! OUR DEED... PAID IN FULL! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!

OH, NICKY... IT LOOKS WONDERFUL! BUT YOU'D BETTER BRING IT TO SENATOR KNIGHT... WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S REALLY TRUE!

BY AFTERNOON IN SENATOR KNIGHT'S OFFICE...

THERE... THAT'S THE LAST OF THOSE DEEDS OKAYED! YOU'D BETTER CALL SANDRA, DON... SHE'S A LAZY BONES TODAY... CAN'T BE SLEEPING ALL THIS TIME!

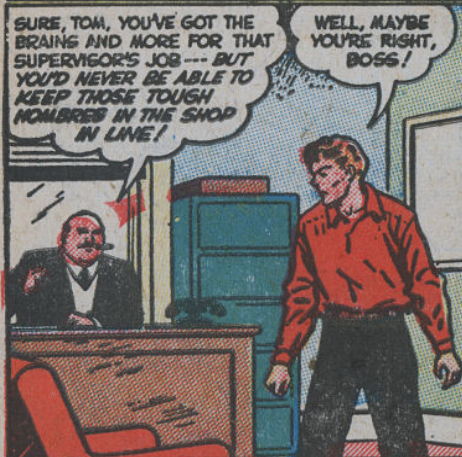
WAIT UNTIL SHE HEARS THE NEWS! SOMETIMES SHE'S ACTUALLY JEALOUS OF MY ADMIRATION OF PHANTOM LADY!

THEY'RE ALL IN JAIL NOW! PHANTOM LADY ROUNDED THEM UP SINGLE-HANDED!

OH, DON... IS THAT ALL YOU'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT IF WE GO TO LUNCH WITH YOU?

The End

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SURE, TOM, YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS AND MORE FOR THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB --- BUT YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO KEEP THOSE TOUGH NOMBRES IN THE SHOP IN LINE!

WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS!



TOM'D LOVE TO DATE YOU, BETTY! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HIM A BREAK?

OH, TOM'S A NICE GUY, JANIE --- BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS --- I LIKE A MAN WHO CAN DISH IT OUT AS WELL AS TAKE IT!



IT'S NO USE, SAM --- I'M MOVING ON! I'M WORSE THAN A WASH-OUT IN THIS PLANT! I CAN'T GET PROMOTIONS LIKE YOU!

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GO TO IT, KID! I ALWAYS KNEW YOU HAD THE STUFF, BUT IT TAKES 'MINI-GYM' TO GIVE A MAN TOP TRAINING!



NEXT TIME, FELLER, YOU'D BETTER THINK FIRST BEFORE YOU START SHOOTING OFF YOUR MOUTH AT ME!

OH, TOM, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!

HONEST, TOM, I-I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHING!

TWO MONTHS LATER...



THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB IS YOURS, TOM! AND I DON'T HAVE TO WISH YOU LUCK! YOU'VE MADE YOURSELF INTO A REAL "COMER" WHO MAKES HIS OWN LUCK!

THANKS, BOSS! I'LL MAKE GOOD... AND NOW!

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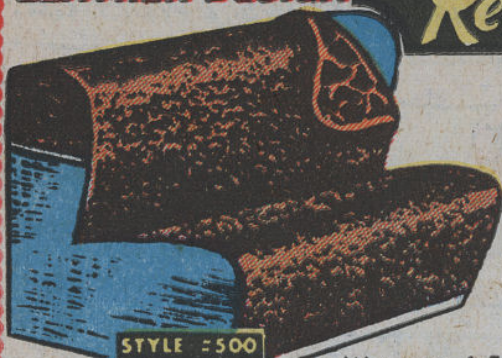
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COURTROOMS ARE MEANT TO SETTLE QUESTIONS OF LAW AND TO APPLY JUSTICE WHERE IT IS DUE, BUT WHEN UNDESIRABLE DENIZENS OF THE UNDERWORLD TRY TO TAKE OVER THIS ASSIGNMENT, THERE'S BOUND TO BE TROUBLE! THAT'S WHY THE RED ROCKET HAS HIS HANDS FULL WHEN HE TRIES TO UPHOLD THE LAW BY TRACKING DOWN PEOPLE AND PAPERS IN THE CASE OF THE WANDERING EVIDENCE!

THE MEN ARE READY, MR. HORNSBY.

GOOD, I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE THE RECORDS ARE, AND YOUR MEN CAN DELIVER THEM TO THE COURT HOUSE.

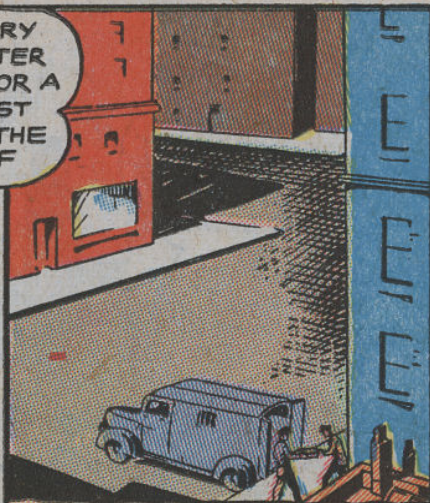
GUESS YOUR SON, JIM, WILL BE JOINING YOUR STAFF SOON, EH, MR. HORNSBY?

I DOUBT IT! SOMEHOW HE PREFERS TO REMAIN A CLERK! LET'S GO!

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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SURE DOESN'T MAKE ME SOUND VERY AMBITIOUS... JUST THE SAME, I'D BETTER KEEP MY EYES OPEN AROUND HERE FOR A WHILE, THOSE RECORDS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF EVIDENCE IN THE WHOLE CASE, AND IF ANYTHING EVER HAPPENED TO THEM...



SOON THE VALUABLE FILES ARE CAREFULLY LOADED INTO A VAN TO BE TRANSPORTED TO THE COURTHOUSE AND PUT TO WORK DEALING OUT JUSTICE...

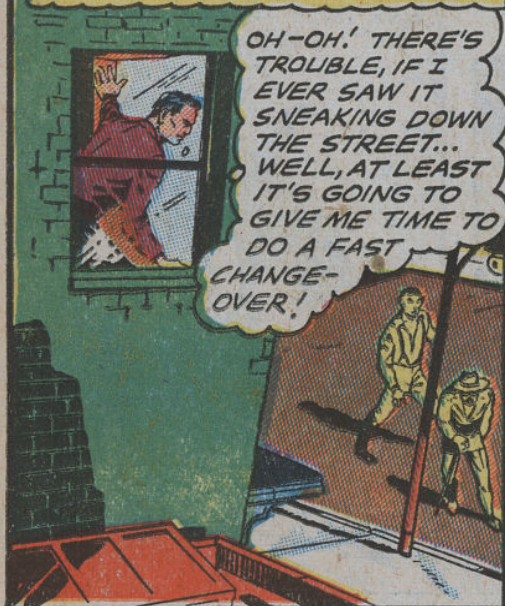
QUICK, YOU LUMBERING IDIOT! WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT EVIDENCE, IF WE WANT TO GET PAID!



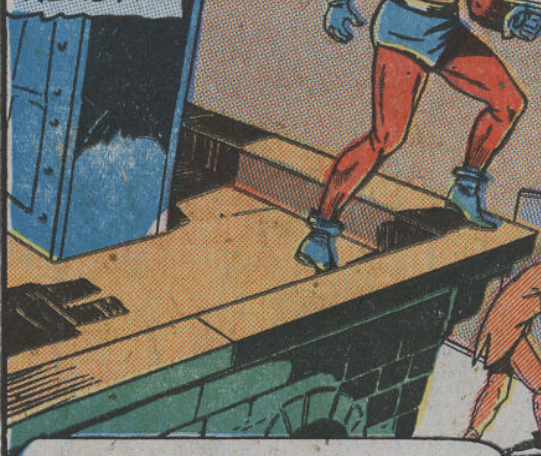
WHILE NOT TOO FAR FROM THE SCENE, TWO SHADY CHARACTERS HURRY ALONG THE BACK STREETS...

BUT, AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT...

OH-OH! THERE'S TROUBLE, IF I EVER SAW IT SNEAKING DOWN THE STREET... WELL, AT LEAST IT'S GOING TO GIVE ME TIME TO DO A FAST CHANGE-OVER!



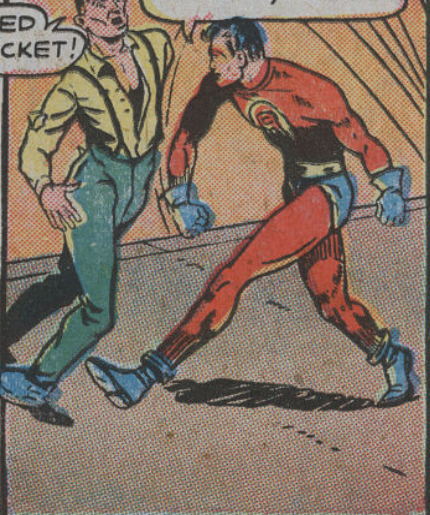
SECONDS PASS, AND THEN AMERICA'S GREATEST CRIME-FIGHTER IS POISED AND READY...



JUST LET THEM GIVE ME PROOF THAT THEY'RE WHAT I THINK THEY ARE, AND... SURE ENOUGH... ASSAULTING THE GUARDS! THAT'S MY CUE!

NO NEED FOR INTRODUCTIONS, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF OUR ASSOCIATION IF YOU PERSIST IN BREAKING THE LAW, BLOKE!

RED ROCKET!



BUT STREET FIGHTING ALWAYS WAS AND ALWAYS WILL BE A BREACH OF THE PEACE, AND SOON THE LAW ARRIVES TO TAKE OVER...

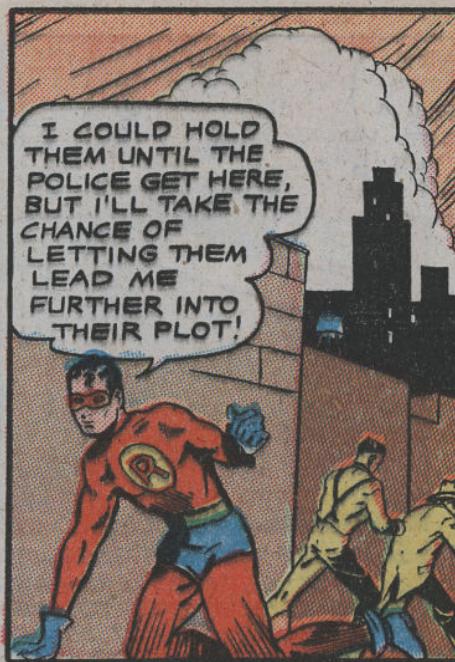


WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHERE'S YOUR COURAGE NOW?

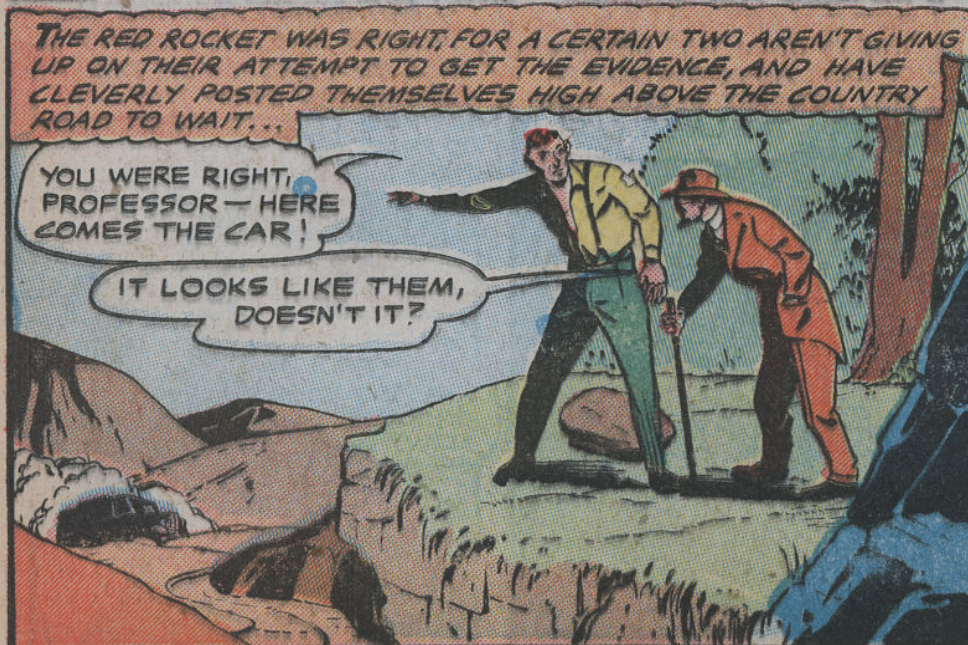
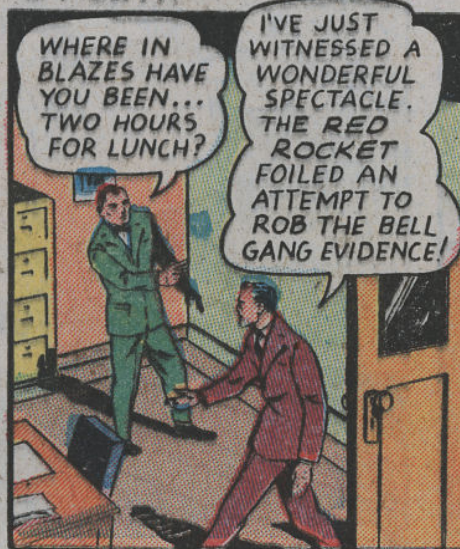
WHEEEE— PLENTY OF ROOM TO SPREAD OUT AND GET MY MUSCLE POWER TUNED UP!

LIKE A GREAT BIRD, RED ROCKET SWOOPS DOWN ON THE SCENE... EVERY NERVE TENSED AND READY FOR ACTION...



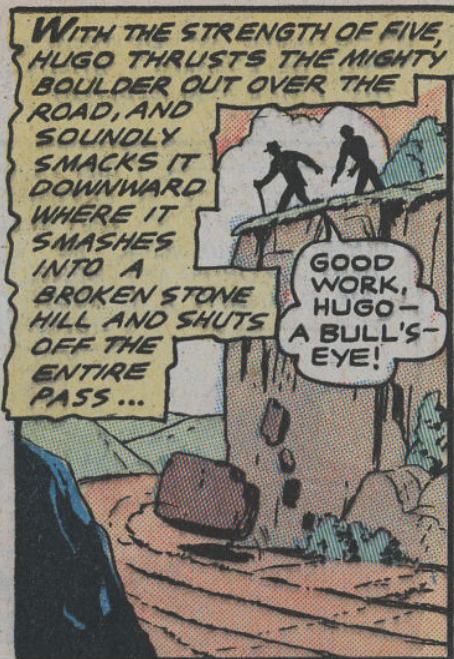


A LITTLE BREATHLESS, RED ROCKET, NOW JIM HORNSBY, ARRIVES AT HIS FATHER'S OFFICE...





OKAY, HUGO—LET HER FLY! A NICE DETOUR! IT'LL MAKE THE ROAD COMPLETELY IMPASSABLE—AND THE REST WILL BE EASY FOR US!



WITH THE STRENGTH OF FIVE, HUGO THRUSTS THE MIGHTY BOULDER OUT OVER THE ROAD, AND SOUNDLY SMACKS IT DOWNWARD WHERE IT SMASHES INTO A BROKEN STONE HILL AND SHUTS OFF THE ENTIRE PASS...

GOOD WORK, HUGO—A BULL'S-EYE!



LOOK! THE ROAD IS BLOCKED—STOP, OR WE'LL CRASH!

BY GOLLY, MUST HAVE BEEN A LANDSLIDE!



NOW, HUGO—FOLLOW ME! EVERYTHING'S WORKED OUT FINE UP TO THIS POINT!

THAT ROAD-BLOCK WAS NO ACCIDENT! LOOK THERE!



OOFFF—THOSE ROCKS—SLIPPED!

DON'T HAVE TO HIT HIM, HE'S FALLING DOWN AS IT IS, BOSS!

HOLD HIM THERE WHILE I GET THE RECORDS, HUGO!



JUST IN TIME TO PUT A STOP TO THIS!

BUT SUDDENLY THE RED ROCKET APPEARS FROM SEEMINGLY NOWHERE, THOUGH ACTUALLY IT'S FROM A SHORTCUT ACROSS THE CLIFFS...



MUSTN'T TOUCH THINGS THAT DON'T BELONG TO YOU, PROFESSOR!

GET HIM, HUGO! GET RED ROCKET!

AND IT'S ONE DOWN AND ONE TO GO...



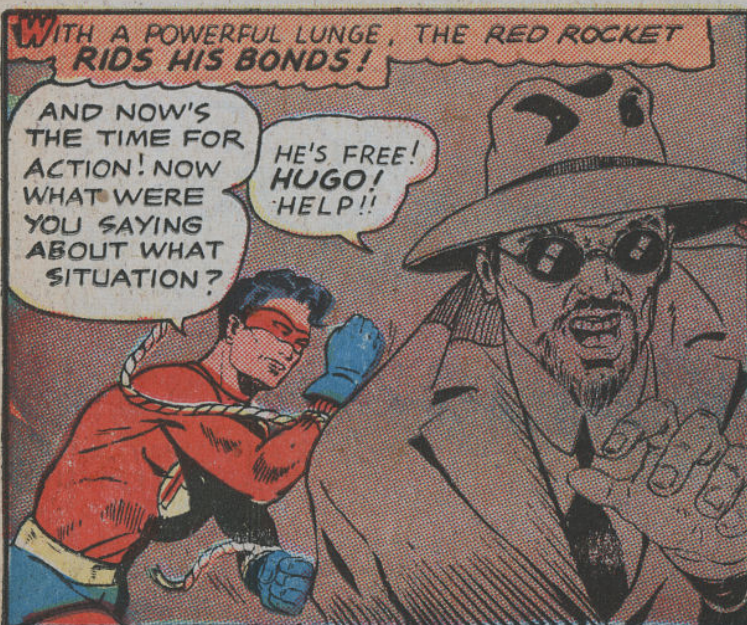
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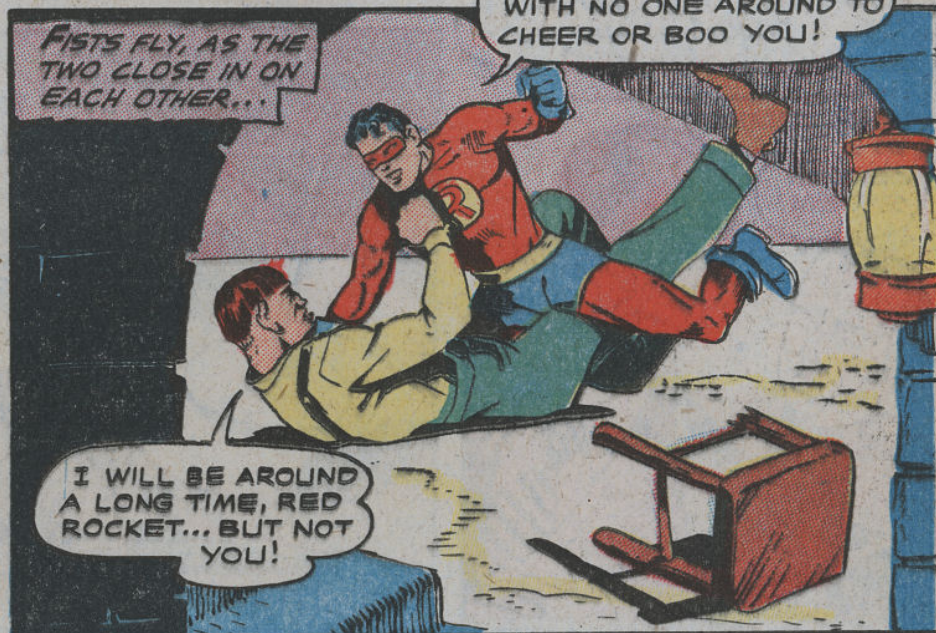
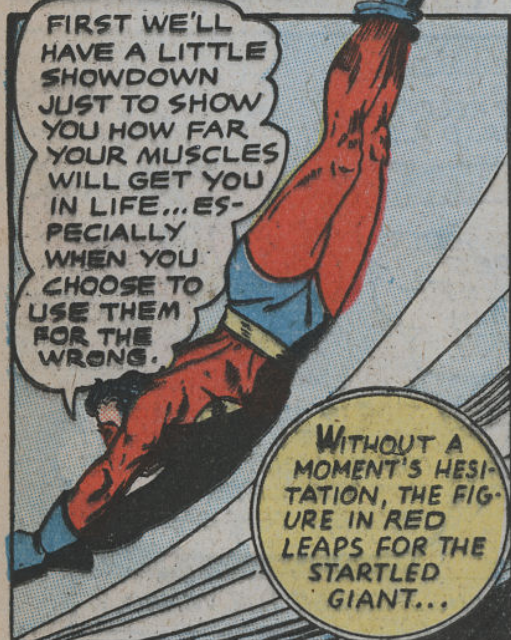
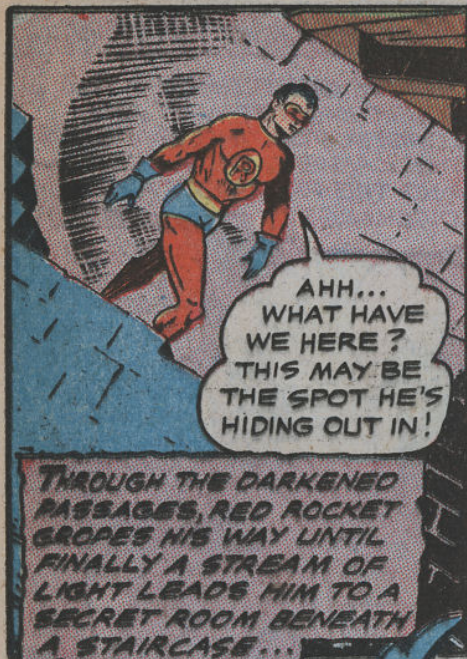
WHERE'D HUGO GO SO FAST?

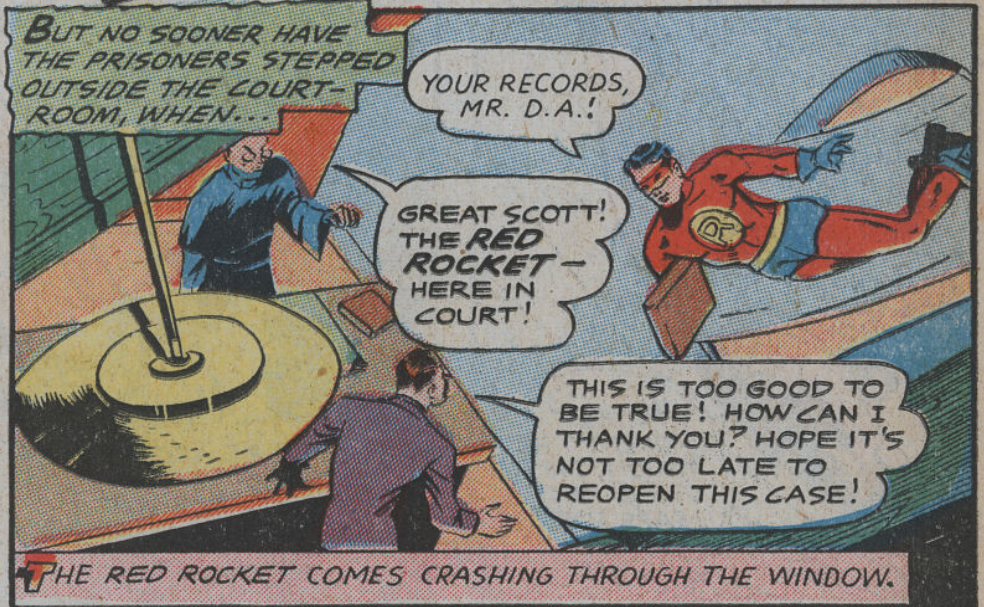
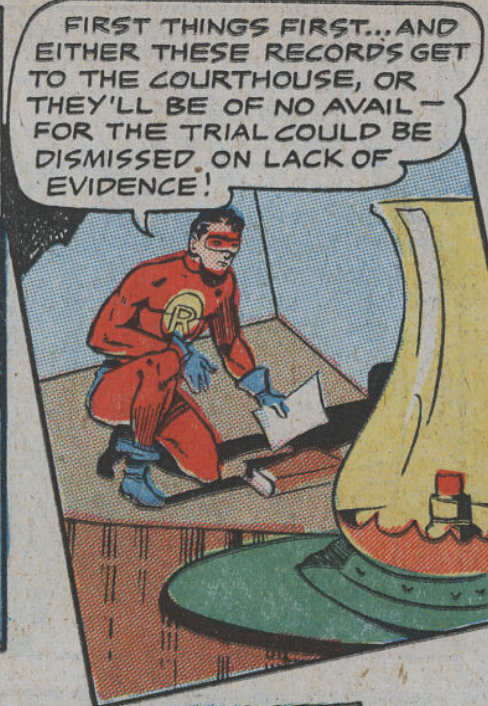
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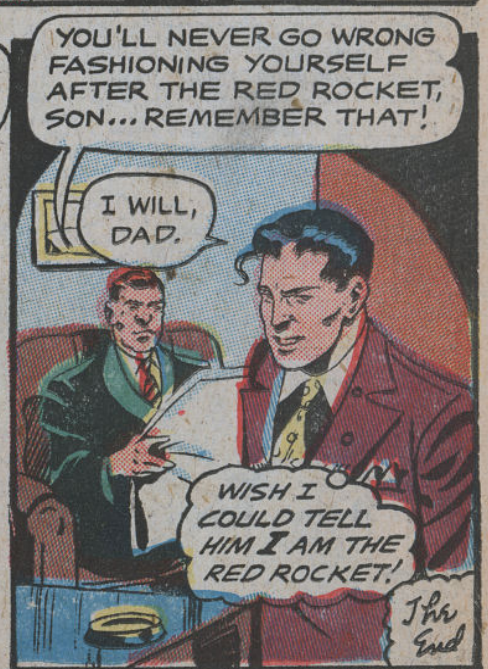
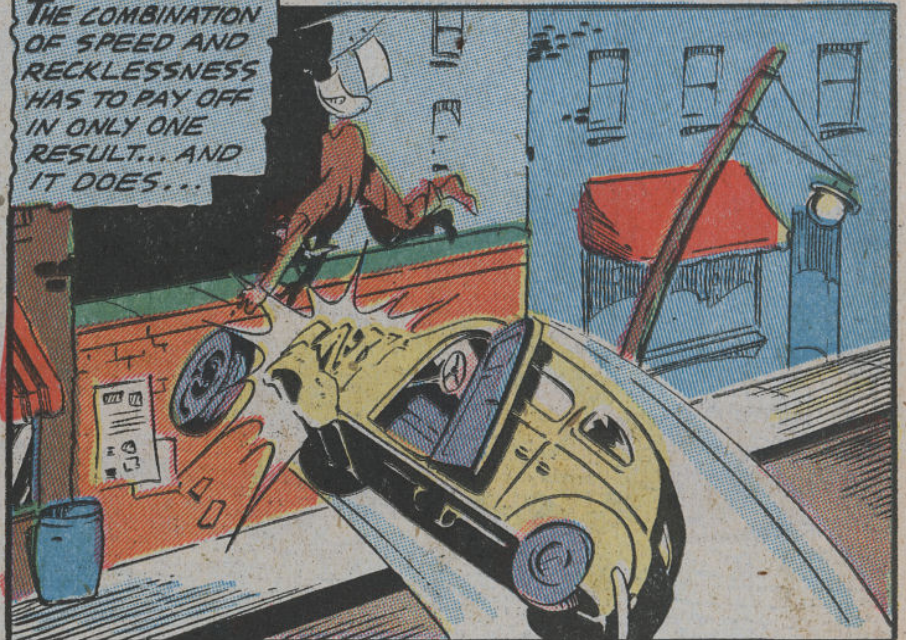
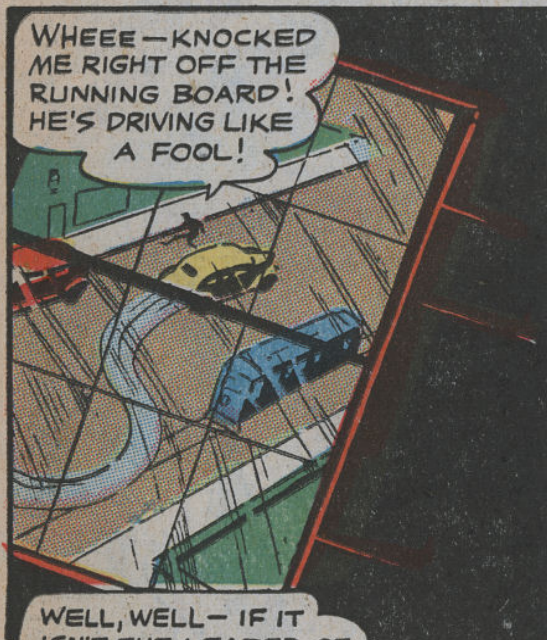
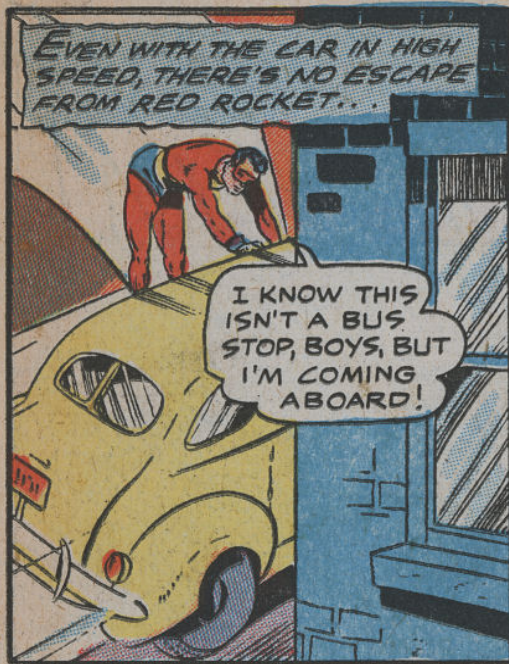


MEANWHILE, AT THE TRIAL OF THE BELL GANG LEADERS - THE JUDGE IS ANGERED AT THE DELAY...









FATE at the HELM

OUT FROM THE ROMANTIC HARBOR OF HAVANA, PAST THE FROWNING FACE OF OLD MORRO, STOOD THE GALLANT SHIP CENTRAL AMERICA. SHE WAS CRAMMED TO THE SCUPPERS WITH FORTY-NINERS RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES... AND SHE CARRIED OVER TWO MILLIONS IN GOLD! NOT ONE SOUL ABOARD, INCLUDING HER BRAVE CAPTAIN, KNEW THAT THE SHIP HAD BEEN SUMMONED BY THE MOST FEARFUL OF ALL SEAMEN! ADMIRAL DEATH!



THE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 8, 1857. CAPTAIN HERNDON HEADS HIS SHIP TOWARD NEW YORK...

I'LL BE GLAD TO SEE THE LAST OF THESE FORTY-NINERS. A ROUGH LOT...

AYE! AND ALL THAT GOLD ABOARD... GIVES A MATE THE CREEPS THINKIN' OF IT!

HAH-HAH! HOW'S THAT FER AN AIM? STICKIN' RIGHT INTO THE MAST!

BE CAREFUL, ROBERT. THE MEN MIGHT HURT YOU!

YER SCARIN' THE KID'S MAW. DON'T FLING 'EM WITHOUT YELLIN' FURST, PARDNER!



WHILE AT ANOTHER END OF THE DECK...

BLAST THE LUCK! HERE'S MY WHOLE POKE!

JOE'LL GO BACK TO THE STATES FLAT BROKE!

THAT'S HIS HARD LUCK! C'MON, DEAL 'EM OUT AGAIN!

TWO DAYS OUT AT SEA AND A FIERCE STORM STRIKES THE VESSEL...

NEVER GETS LIKE THIS ON A SAILING VESSEL! THESE STEAMERS ARE NO GOOD!

I NEVER SAW A BLOW AS BAD AS THIS ONE BEFORE!

UHHH! I'M SICK!

HM! SHE'S MAKING HEAVY WEATHER OF IT! AND SOME OF HER SEAMS...

AND ON THE MORNING OF THE ELEVENTH, THE SHIP'S SEAMS DO OPEN TO THE SEA...

WE'RE TAKING ON A LOT OF WATER, SIR! CAN'T LAST LONG!

DO WHAT YOU CAN! I'LL NOTIFY CAPTAIN HERNDON AT ONCE!

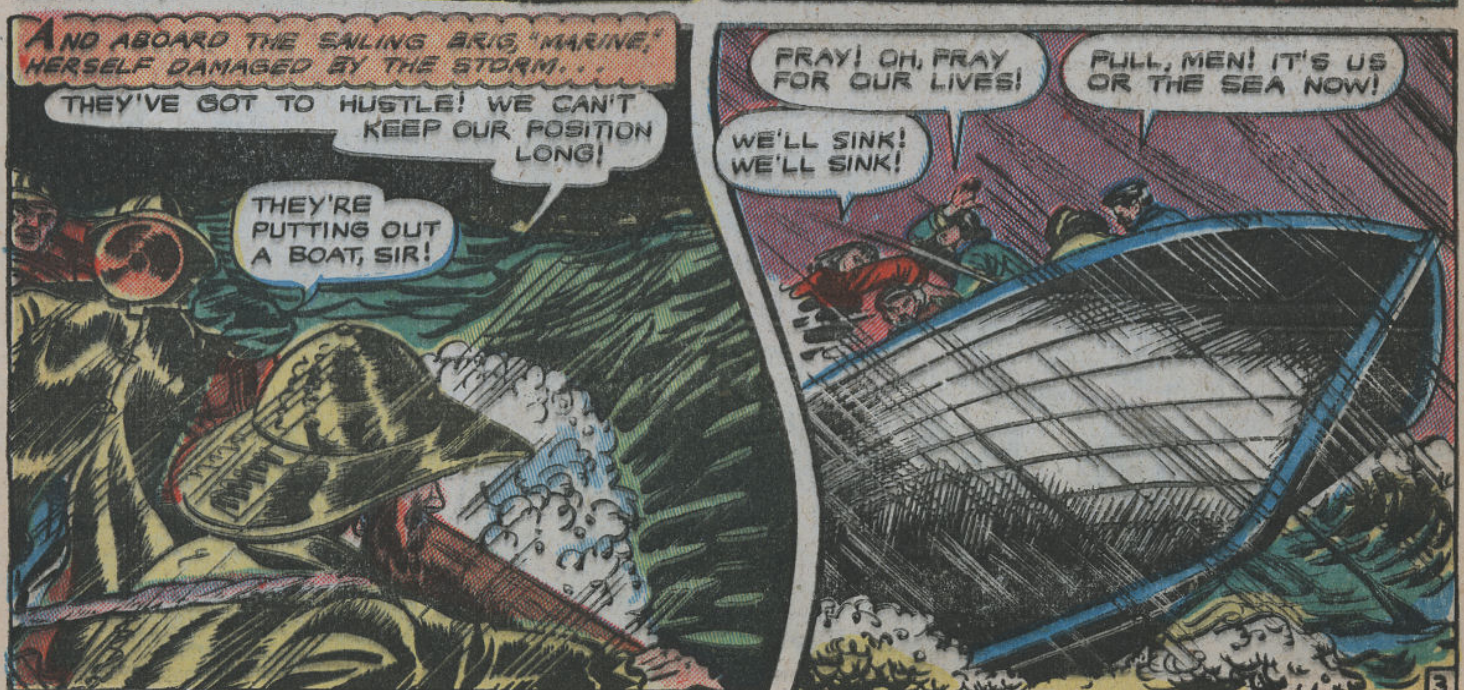
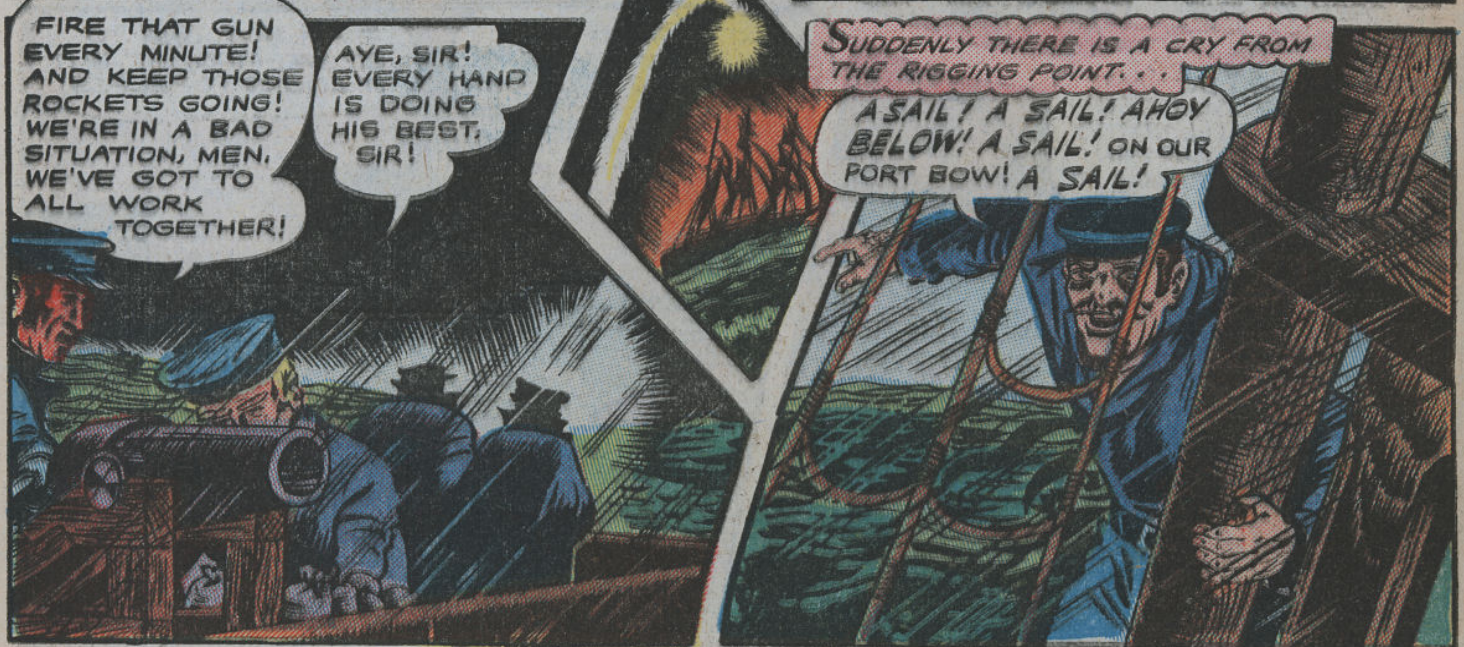
BUT SOON...

BEND YOUR BACKS, MEN! IT'S YOUR OWN LIVES YOU'RE SAVING!

I AM NOT ONE TO BE WEEPING, SIR, BUT IT LOOKS HOPELESS!

HOURS PASS AS THE CREW AND PASSENGERS BATTLE DESPERATELY FOR THEIR LIVES! TOSSED SPIN AND BATTERED BY MERCILESS SEAS, THE SHIP IS SOON LITTLE MORE THAN A DRIFTING HULK. FAR BELOW THE DECK LEVEL A GRIMY AND FATIGUED BLACK GANG IS LOSING THEIR FIGHT...

AHOY! THE WATER'S GETTING HIGHER! CAN'T KEEP UP OUR FIRES! STEAM'S ALMOST GONE!



TWO BOATLOADS!
THERE WILL BE NO
TIME FOR A THIRD.
AND NOW I AM
GOING BELOW A
MOMENT!

BELOW, SIR?
WHAT'S THE
USE OF THAT,
SIR?

CAPTAIN HERNDON GOES TO HIS CABIN, AND...

MY DRESS UNIFORM! AFTER ALL, I MUST BE
DRESSED MY FINEST TO MEET DAVIE JONES...
IF ONLY I COULD SAVE MORE LIVES!

WHILE ABOVE, ANOTHER BOAT
TRIES TO REACH THE MARINE...

NO USE! SHE'S GOING! LOOK
THERE ON THE BRIDGE!
IT'S CAPTAIN HERNDON!

OH! HE'S
WAVING!
I CAN'T
LOOK.

GOODBYE...
GOODBYE...

SHE'S GONE! AND THE
BRAVE CAPTAIN WITH
HER! HE DID ALL HE
COULD...

SO PERISHED THE
CENTRAL AMERICA!
FOUR-HUNDRED AND
TWENTY-THREE OF HER
CREW AND PASSENGERS
WENT TO THE BOTTOM,
TAKING WITH THEM THE
TWO MILLION DOLLARS
WORTH OF GOLD WHICH
WILL NEVER BE SPENT
ON THIS SIDE OF
ETERNITY...

THE
END

SKY ARENA

CORSAIRS roared overhead, guarding the newly-won airfield against attack by suicidal Jap bomber squadrons. From the jungle hills beyond came the echoing thunder of mortars as fearless Marines sought to wipe out the remaining enemy strongholds.

Tex McGovern overshot the field, then swung his ship above the shell-torn palms and slipped down upon the steel landing strip. The Corsair rolled to a halt before the blackened ruins of a Jap hangar.

Seabees and Marines who had been rushing to fill the bomb craters paused to wipe sweat from their brows and stare at the lanky pilot who was leaping from the dive bomber. Tex paid no attention to their stares as he strode toward a crude shack under the palms beyond the landing strip.

The cleanup squad watched him go with awe in their eyes and whispered exclamations on their lips. "Yeah, he's the Sky Shark!" one Seabee told another. A Marine joined in: "You guys never seen a tougher hombre than Tex McGovern. He's knocked down twenty-three Zeros over the Solomons, New Guinea and Tarawa. Count those Jap flags on the side of his ship!"

Outside the operations shack Tex McGovern snapped to attention and saluted his superior. "Enemy resistance completely disorganized, sir. Can I offer any assistance to the land drive?"

Major Wilson's leathery face wore a hard scowl. "I just received a message from the Army. They can't send over the Fortresses to knock out the Jap stronghold on the ridge."

"Can't we dive-bomb 'em, sir?" Tex suggested eagerly.

The major shook his head. "It would be suicide, McGovern. The Japs have a battery of heavy anti-aircraft guns up there, ready to blast to bits any low flying ship."

Tex thought for a moment, his grey eyes icy, his strong hands clenched at his sides. Suddenly he flashed a smile.

"I've got it, sir!" he said. "If our artillery can drop some smoke shells on that rats nest, I'll split it wide open. How about it?"

The major grinned. "You've got something there, Sky Shark! Return to your ship. I'll give you the go-ahead when I've contacted the gun crews."

He reached out to clasp McGovern's hand, and shook it heartily. "If you slip a bomb through that ack-ack barrage, you may save the lives of a thousand Leather-

necks. I'm afraid we'll lose that many men if we have to storm that Jap position."

Saluting, McGovern spun on his heel and ran back toward his ship. The cleanup squad dropped their shovels and wheelbarrows again to stare at him.

A Marine corporal shook his head, muttering: "Look at him, will yuh? He acts like nothing had happened. Only a few hours ago we were feeling sorry for him. What nerves he's got!"

"You ain't kidding!" a mud-splattered Marine private replied. "I wish I had the Sky Shark's

guts. If my brother had—" His words were drowned out by the coughing roar of McGovern's Corsair.

Instants later the deadly bird with its weird, inverted gull wings was racing down the landing strip. In the cockpit Tex adjusted his phones to pick up a voice from the artillery post below the ridge five miles inland. "Calling the Sky Shark . . . calling the Sky Shark! You can do your stuff in exactly four minutes. Good luck!"

"It better be good!" Tex muttered as he zoomed his ship over the palms, jamming the throttle to full power. The Corsair rose like a rocket, straight for the fleecy clouds drifting over the coral isle.

At fourteen thousand feet Tex pulled over in a steep bank and gazed down. The island was a leaf-shaped strip of green on the sea below. Tex was too high for accurate vision. He wouldn't know how well the smoke shells would screen him from enemy eyes until it was too late to turn back.



He glanced at his watch. Three minutes had passed. Diving at a speed of nearly five hundred miles per hour, he knew the stunt would be timed just right. Grim-faced, he swung his ship's nose down, bracing his body as the dive bomber gathered speed.

The engine's roar rose in a screaming crescendo. Down, down, down plummeted the lone plane with the Sky Shark frozen nervelessly at its controls. Knifing through the clouds at ever increasing speed Tex watched grimly as the island seemed to double its size every second.

Tex could see the jungle ridge clearly now. Flashes from the Marine field guns were visible west of the ridge. But McGovern's heart thumped faster when he failed to spot any trace of a smoke screen over the Jap position.

"I can't turn back!" Tex told himself. "I've never walked out on a job. I'll finish this one even if it's to be my last!"

His hand was inching impatiently toward the bomb release button now. Tex knew he'd have to let the thousand pounder go as soon as the ack-ack got his range.

Flashes burst from the Jap fortress and in split seconds black puffs of smoke were blotching the path ahead. In an instant shells were hurling hot shrapnel in a solid barricade against the plunging dive bomber.

"They've got my number!" Tex growled. "One chance in a million to break through and lay the egg. But I'll take it!"

Flak was tearing jagged holes through the Corsair's wings. A chunk of twisted metal smashed through the plexiglas, showering McGovern's face with sharp splinters. Blood trickled onto his lips, traced red ribbons across the back of his hand on the bomb release button.

The Jap fortress loomed large before the Sky Shark's eyes now. Cleverly camouflaged, it was a bastion of steel reinforced concrete ten feet thick like the pillboxes on Tarawa. But the thousand pound bomb would pierce it with a direct hit. McGovern's thumb jabbed the button.

There was a sudden lurch as the bomb fell away. Then the sickening rattle of Jap machine-gun bullets

piercing the Corsair's fuselage. Tex pulled back the stick, praying that the controls were intact. The ship responded, raising its nose from the terrific dive.

For an instant Tex blacked out. Catching hold of himself, he ruddered hard to the left, keeping the Corsair on a downward route toward the thick jungle beyond the ridge. Winging away, he caught a quick glimpse of the tremendous upheaval caused by his bomb.

"A direct hit—and then some!" Tex exclaimed. "It must have rammed right through to their ammunition stores. Wish Buddy had lived to see it!"

Within two minutes Tex was nosing the Corsair down toward the landing strip. On all sides of the field Marines were streaming from the jungle, tossing their helmets in the air and waving their rifles.

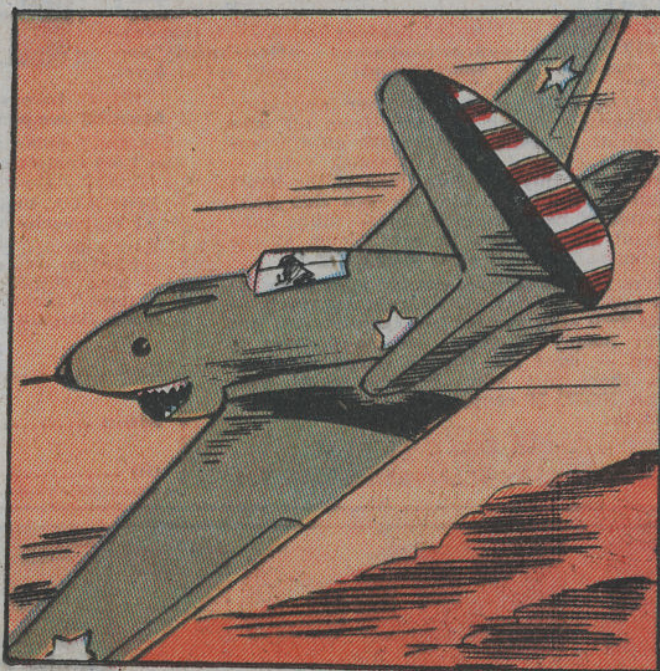
The major was the first man to greet Tex when he slipped out of his ship. "Great work, old man!" the major bellowed. "But what was your idea in pulling the job ahead of time? Couldn't you wait forty minutes?"

Tex frowned suddenly. "Forty? I thought the artillery said they'd lay the smoke shells over in four minutes. Well, sir, I guess it doesn't matter so long as the job's done."

The major kept in step with Tex McGovern as he walked slowly toward the first aid tent. "Just a few scratches," Tex muttered. "I'll be all right. It will take more than a Jap ack-ack barrage to beat the old Sky Shark!"

"You're right on the ball, Tex," Major Wilson said. "You see, I didn't know your kid brother was in the landing force that stormed ashore here last night. He was killed, wasn't he?"

Tex kept on walking. "Yes, sir," he said. "A sniper got Buddy when his outfit took this field. I was one of the first to land here. Your boys told me about Buddy, and I watched as they laid him in a grave."



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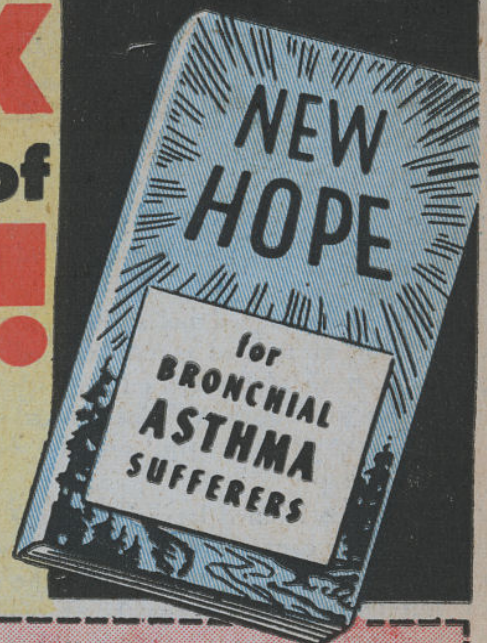
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IT STARTED
OUT TO BE
AN ACT OF
FRIENDSHIP,
BUT IT ENDED
UP IN A GRIM
WAR AGAINST
A CRIME
ONLY A FEW
HOURS OLD...

PHANTOM LADY DARED
ALL ODDS TO FIND
THE ENDS OF
**WHAT PRICE
PROTECTION?**

PHANTOM Lady



BUT INSIDE THE SMALL EATING
PLACE, BETTY HAD SOMETHING
TO WORRY ABOUT...

SANDRA KNIGHT, WHO IS
REALLY THE PHANTOM LADY, HAS
MADE A BUSINESS INVESTMENT, AND
SHE AND DON BORDEN ARE FOLLOW-
ING IT THROUGH...

NICE OF YOU
TO LOAN BETTY
THE MONEY TO
SET HER UP
IN BUSINESS,
SANDRA...

SHE'S MY FRIEND,
DON! POOR GIRL HAS
A BAD HEART, TOO! I'M
GLAD TO HELP HER!

Betty's
SNACK SHOP

THIS IS OUR LAST
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YOUR DUES, LADY!
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FOREVER!

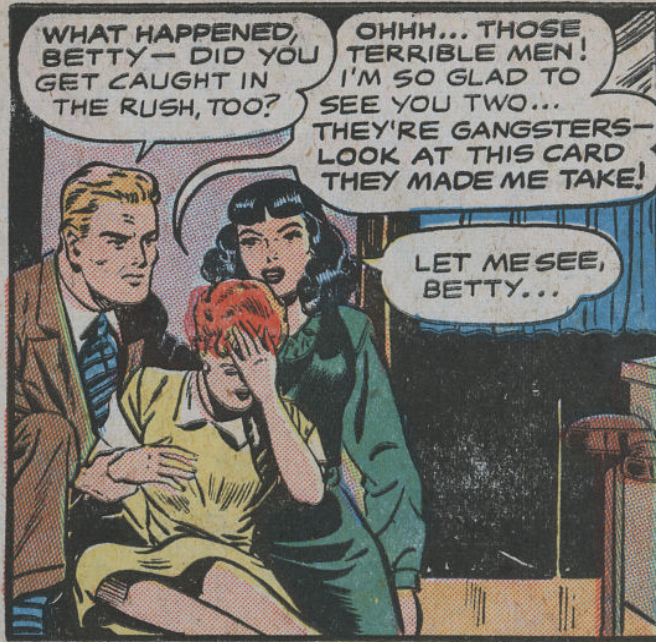
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OUTTA THE WAY, CHUMP... YOU'RE BLOCKING THE DOOR!

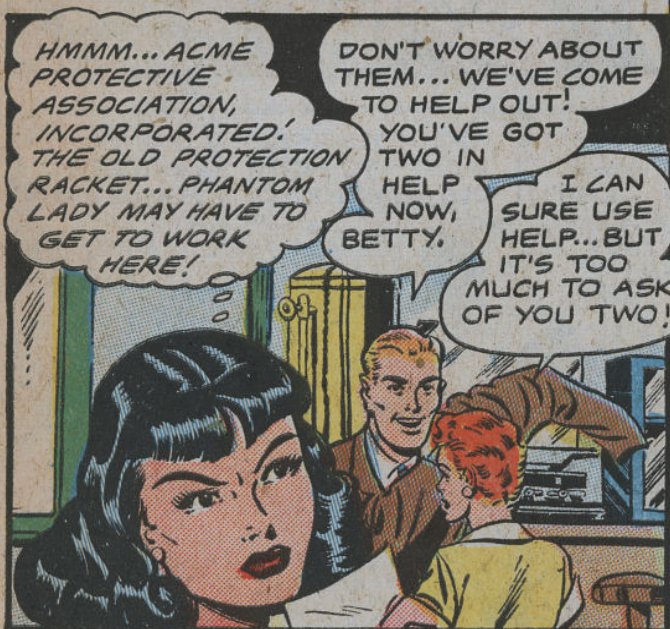
MY GOODNESS! WHAT RUDE CUSTOMERS!



WHAT HAPPENED, BETTY - DID YOU GET CAUGHT IN THE RUSH, TOO?

OH... THOSE TERRIBLE MEN! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU TWO... THEY'RE GANGSTERS - LOOK AT THIS CARD THEY MADE ME TAKE!

LET ME SEE, BETTY...



HMMM... ACME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED! THE OLD PROTECTION RACKET... PHANTOM LADY MAY HAVE TO GET TO WORK HERE!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM... WE'VE COME TO HELP OUT! YOU'VE GOT TWO IN HELP NOW, BETTY.

I CAN SURE USE HELP... BUT IT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK OF YOU TWO!

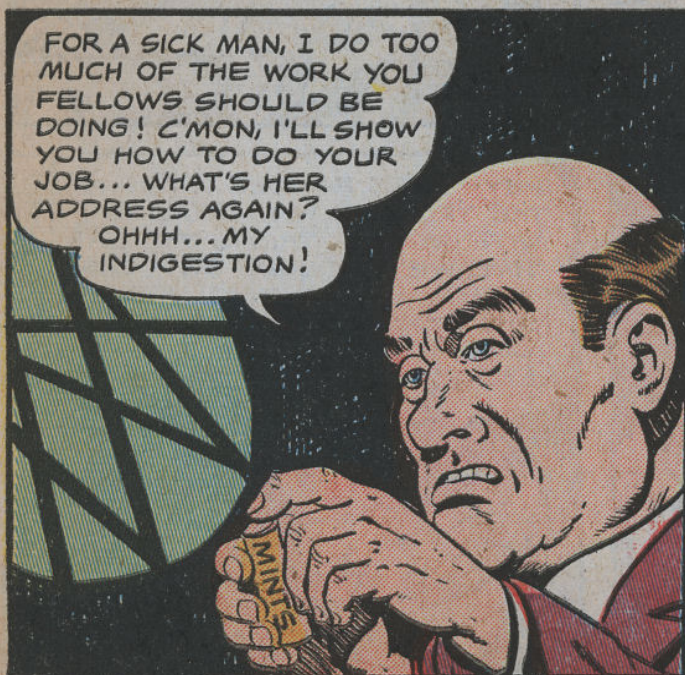
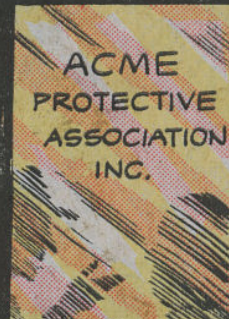
AND SO, SANDRA KNIGHT, A SENATOR'S DAUGHTER, PROVES WHAT IT IS TO BE A REAL FRIEND...

ALMOST WISH THOSE GANGSTERS WOULD COME BACK... GET ME AWAY FROM THESE DISHES FOR A WHILE...

WHILE CROSS TOWN, PLANS ARE HATCHING...

SHE JUST WON'T PAY, MINTS! SAYS SHE'S BROKE!

YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART... AND GIVING ME INDIGESTION!



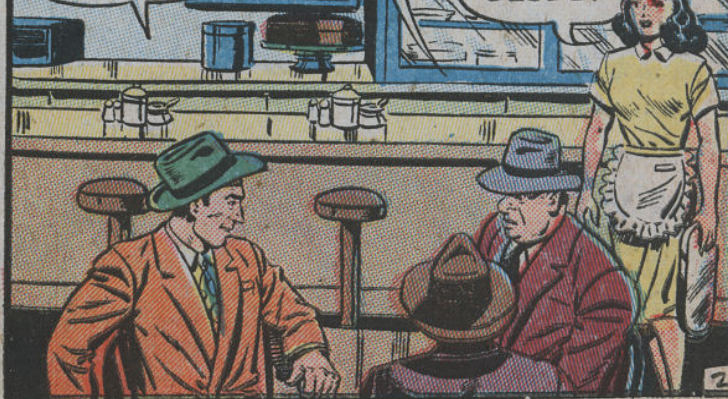
FOR A SICK MAN, I DO TOO MUCH OF THE WORK YOU FELLOWS SHOULD BE DOING! C'MON, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO DO YOUR JOB... WHAT'S HER ADDRESS AGAIN? OH... MY INDIGESTION!

AND SURE ENOUGH, SANDRA GETS HER WISH...

OKAY, MINTS - SHOW US YOUR TECHNIQUE!

REMEMBER, WE'RE CUSTOMERS - THAT MAKES US ALWAYS RIGHT, SEE?

WHAT'LL IT BE, FOLKS? WE'RE GETTING READY TO CLOSE.





IF YOU'LL TAKE A TABLE, PLEASE, I'LL GET YOU A MENU, AND... HEY—CUT THAT OUT!

YOU'RE A CUTE KID... HOW LONG YOU BEEN WORKING HERE?

AW, QUIT IT, LEFTY! WE'RE HERE FOR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS!



IN THAT CASE, TRY OUR SPECIAL! MADE TO ORDER, JUST FOR YOU!

YOU ASKED FOR IT, LEFTY... HOW CAN WE TALK BUSINESS NOW?

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HE ALWAYS DID BUNGLE UP A JOB!



NO DUMB DAME MAKES A FOOL OUTTA ME!

SAY, WHAT'S GOING ON OUT HERE, SANDRA?

LOOKS LIKE AN INVASION TO ME, DON!



I CAN PLAY THAT GAME, TOO... JUST AS ROUGH AS THEY CAN!

WATCH YOURSELF, DON—YOU'RE OUTNUMBERED!

GOT TO CHANGE TO PHANTOM LADY, OR I'M HELPLESS!

C'MON, HERO—WE'RE READY FOR YOU!

GO TO IT, BOYS! OH, MY INDIGESTION!

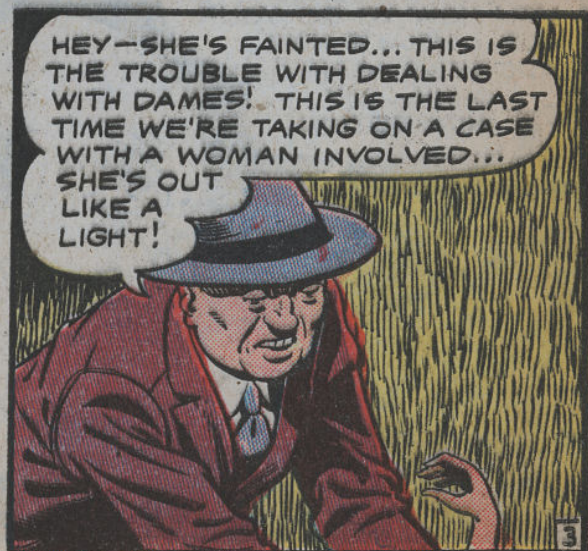


NO! NO... NO SCREAMING! THIS IS A PRIVATE PARTY—WE DON'T WANT THE LAW BUSTING IN...

NOW'S MY CHANCE!

HE'S GOT MORE FISTS THAN A WINDMILL... HERE, I'LL TRY TO HOLD HIM!

OHHH—



HEY—SHE'S FAINTED... THIS IS THE TROUBLE WITH DEALING WITH DAMES! THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE'RE TAKING ON A CASE WITH A WOMAN INVOLVED... SHE'S OUT LIKE A LIGHT!

BUT BETTY HAS MORE THAN FAINTED... HER WEAK HEART GAVE OUT UNDER THE EXCITEMENT...

THIS IS MORE THAN WE BARGAINED FOR, BOSS!

JUST PUT HER NEXT TO THE FELLOW, AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE... WE'RE SAFE... THE OTHER GAL RAN OUT... NO ONE SAW WHAT HAPPENED... THEY'LL BLAME THIS CHUMP NEXT TO HER!

MEANWHILE...

HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE... HAD TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT CHANGING SO THEY WOULDN'T GUESS WHO I REALLY AM...

PHANTOM LADY GASPS AT WHAT CONFRONTS HER...

BETTY... OH, MY! S-SHE'S DEAD! BUT NOT MARKED! AND DON... HE'S TAKEN A TERRIFIC BEATING... OH, I AM TOO LATE - BUT THEY WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!



THE CARD THEY GAVE BETTY... COULDN'T BE SIMPLER - HERE'S THEIR PHONE NUMBER... NOW I CAN TRACK DOWN THEIR ADDRESS. BUT I'D BETTER ACT FAST BEFORE THEY CHANGE IT, AFTER THIS!

SUDDENLY, A STARTLED LATE CUSTOMER ENTERS THE STORE, AND...

W-WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THEM?

WHAT HAVE I DONE... YOU'RE SO WRONG! BUT NO TIME TO EXPLAIN - GET THE POLICE!

HONEST, IT WAS PHANTOM LADY, OFFICER!

BUT SHE'S NOT A CRIMINAL... SHE COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS!

OH, MY HEAD... FEELS LIKE I WAS HIT WITH A BATTLE SHIP!



WHILE ACROSS THE STREET, MINTS HAS PLANTED A LOOKOUT, AND HE HAS SOMETHING TO REPORT...

...SHE WAS STUDYING OUR CARD... AND THAT AIN'T GOOD!

ALL MEN TO YOUR STATIONS... I WAS JUST FLASHED THAT PHANTOM LADY IS PAYING US A CALL, AND WE WANT TO GIVE HER A V.I.P. WELCOME... ALSO KEEP ON YOUR TOES... SHE'S DYNAMITE!

CHECK, BOSS! JUST RELAX AND LEAVE IT TO US!

YEAH... WE'LL HANDLE HER!

RELAX, THEY TELL ME... WITH MY INDIGESTION... BETTER TAKE ANOTHER MINT - I'M IN AGONY!



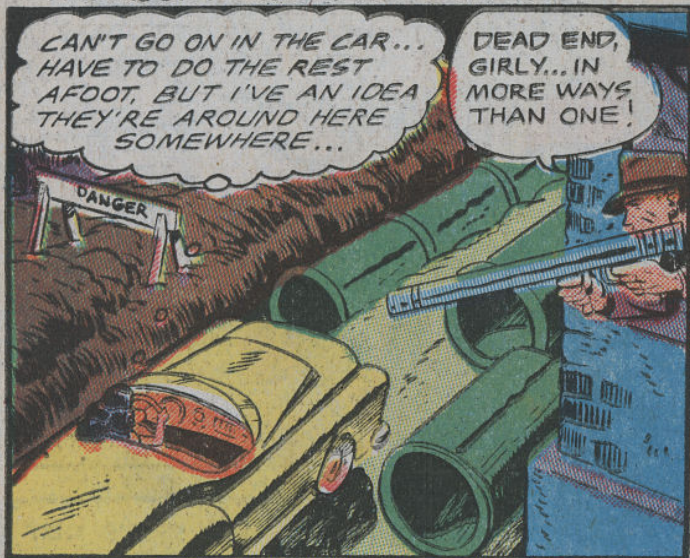
LITTLE DOES PHANTOM LADY KNOW WHAT SHE'S DRIVING INTO WHEN SHE SETS OUT TO TANGLE WITH MINTS AND HIS GANG... TO BEGIN WITH, THEIR HIDEOUT IS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN... WHERE A CONSTRUCTION JOB IS UNDER WAY...

PHANTOM LADY IS NO SOONER OUT OF HER CAR WHEN ONE OF THEIR WELCOMING ROCKETS EXPLODES... A NEAR MISS... BUT TOO NEAR...

SALUTE! JUST LIKE THE FOURTH OF JULY— ONLY THIS IS A PRIVATE WAR... SO LONG, PHANTOM LADY!

CAN'T GO ON IN THE CAR... HAVE TO DO THE REST AFOOT, BUT I'VE AN IDEA THEY'RE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...

DEAD END, GIRLY... IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!

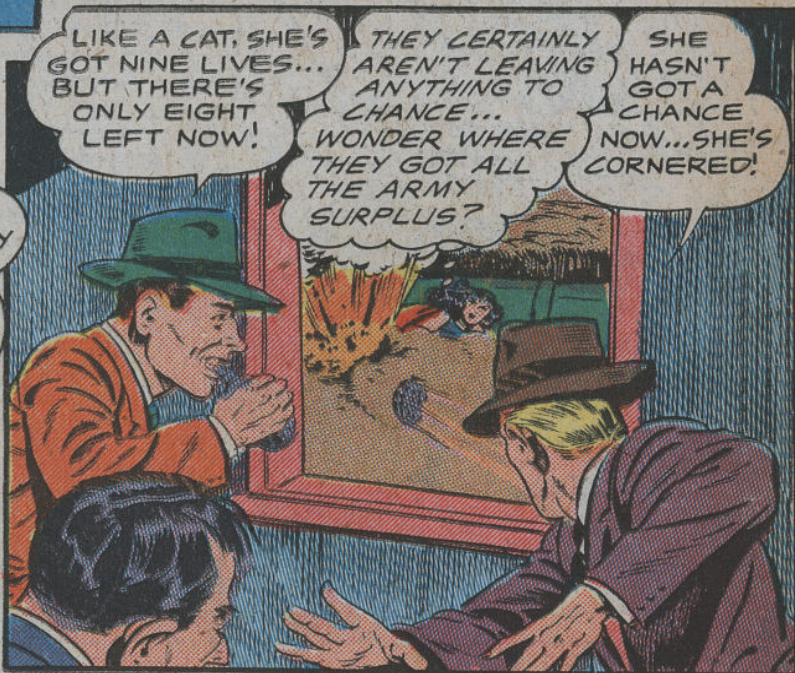


LIKE A CAT, SHE'S GOT NINE LIVES... BUT THERE'S ONLY EIGHT LEFT NOW!

THEY CERTAINLY AREN'T LEAVING ANYTHING TO CHANCE... WONDER WHERE THEY GOT ALL THE ARMY SURPLUS?

SHE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE NOW... SHE'S CORNERED!

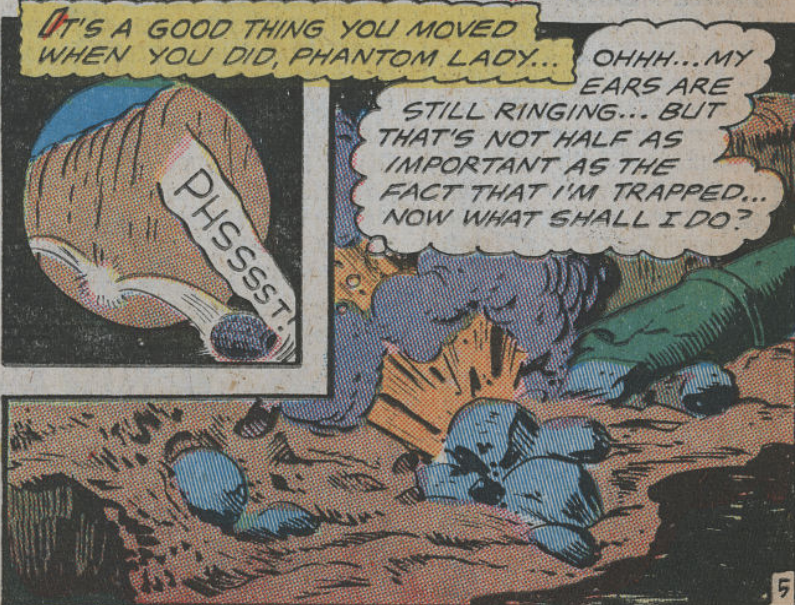
WHEEE... NOW AT LEAST I KNOW WHERE THEY LIVE! GOOD THING THIS DITCH IS HERE AFTER ALL! I'LL FIGHT THE ENEMY FROM THE TRENCHES... BUT IT'S GOT TO BE BRAINS AGAINST BULLETS!



NO SENSE IN GIVING THEM A SITTING TARGET... AND I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM... DIDN'T EXPECT A WELCOMING COMMITTEE!

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU MOVED WHEN YOU DID, PHANTOM LADY...

OH... MY EARS ARE STILL RINGING... BUT THAT'S NOT HALF AS IMPORTANT AS THE FACT THAT I'M TRAPPED... NOW WHAT SHALL I DO?

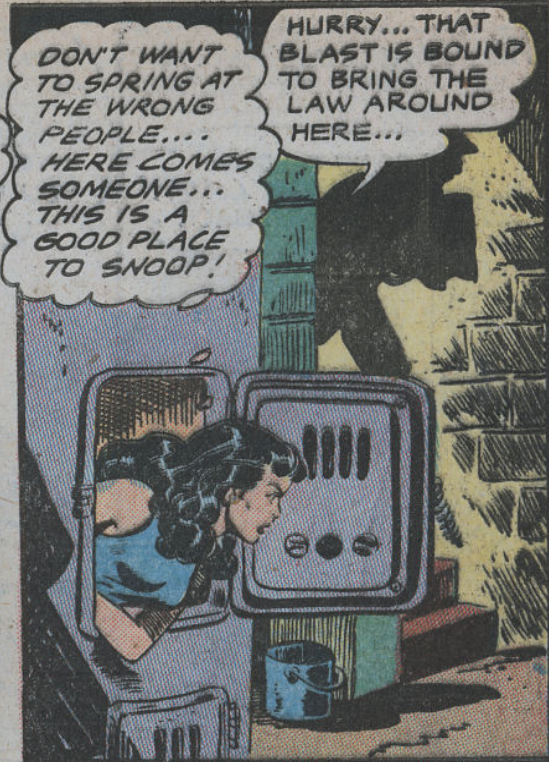




WHERE THERE'S A BEGINNING THERE MUST BE AN END... SO I'LL JUST FOLLOW THIS PIPE TO THE OTHER END... IT'S GOT TO LEAD SOMEWHERE... LET US HOPE TO AN EXIT, NOT THE RIVER!



A CELLAR! AT LEAST I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MANAGE TO GET OUT OF HERE! WONDER IF IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THIS IS THE BASEMENT TO THE VERY BUILDING THEY ARE IN... OH-OH, I THINK IT IS... VOICES—GOT TO HIDE!



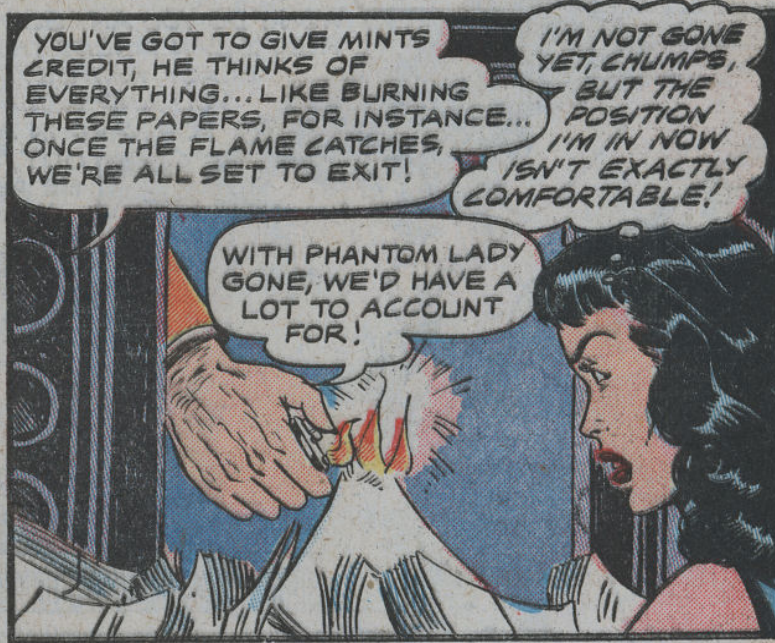
DON'T WANT TO SPRING AT THE WRONG PEOPLE... HERE COMES SOMEONE... THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO SNOOP!

HURRY... THAT BLAST IS BOUND TO BRING THE LAW AROUND HERE...



IF THE POLICE EVER GOT THEIR HANDS ON THESE RECORDS, THEY'D HAVE A PICNIC!

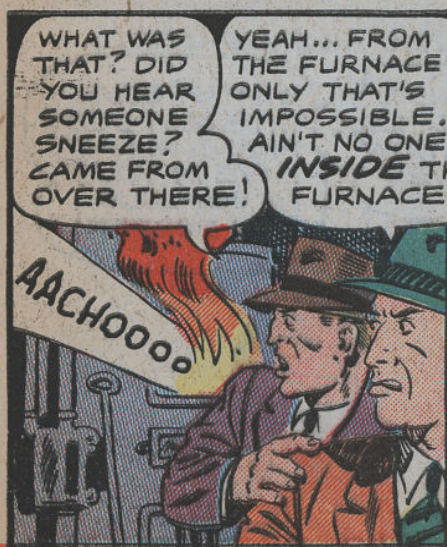
YEAH, BUT WE'D HAVE A NICE LONG STRETCH UP THE RIVER... MOVE, WILL YOU?



YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE MINTS CREDIT, HE THINKS OF EVERYTHING... LIKE BURNING THESE PAPERS, FOR INSTANCE... ONCE THE FLAME CATCHES, WE'RE ALL SET TO EXIT!

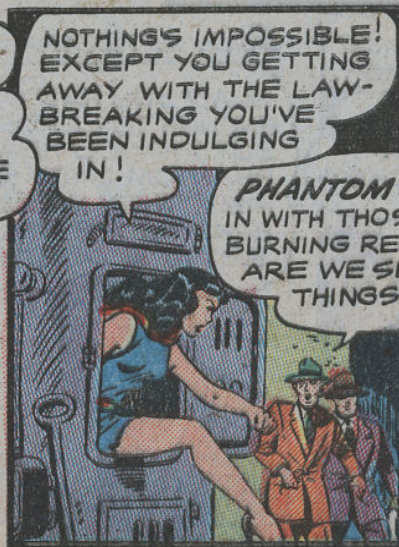
I'M NOT GONE YET, CHUMPS, BUT THE POSITION I'M IN NOW ISN'T EXACTLY COMFORTABLE!

WITH PHANTOM LADY GONE, WE'D HAVE A LOT TO ACCOUNT FOR!



WHAT WAS THAT? DID YOU HEAR SOMEONE SNEEZE? CAME FROM OVER THERE!

YEAH... FROM THE FURNACE— ONLY THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE... AIN'T NO ONE INSIDE THE FURNACE!



NOTHING'S IMPOSSIBLE! EXCEPT YOU GETTING AWAY WITH THE LAW-BREAKING YOU'VE BEEN INDULGING IN!

PHANTOM LADY! IN WITH THOSE BURNING RECORDS! ARE WE SEEING THINGS?



TRY A LITTLE BLACK RAY FOR THE RECORDS, CHUMPS! SEE NO EVIL, DO NO EVIL!

YEOW! WHAT KIND OF FLASH-LIGHT IS THAT? I CAN'T SEE...

LEMME OUT OF HERE! WHAT MAKES IT SO DARK?

NO SOONER DOES PHANTOM LADY HAVE THEM TRUSSED UP WHEN...

WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN HERE? PHANTOM LADY! HOW DID YOU GET BACK IN THIS WORLD?

DON'T BOTHER TO ANSWER, I'M NOT INTERESTED... HERE'S A ONE-WAY TICKET INTO OUTER SPACE... YOU WON'T ESCAPE THIS TIME!

STAND BY FOR A RETURN GAME, MISTER... BUT FIRST TO GET THIS LITTLE PINEAPPLE OUT OF MY PATH... HAH... NOW, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT WHO'S GOING IN ONE DIRECTION?

WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD TO RUN, I CAN DIRECT THE BLACK RAY BEYOND YOU, AND SEND YOU FORWARD IN A BLACK-OUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE IN!

BUT PHANTOM LADY OVERLOOKED ONE POINT IN HER FAVOR... THE HEAT OF THE FURNACE HAS A LETHAL EFFECT ON THE GRENADE, AND A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION THAT CAN BE HEARD FOR BLOCKS, ROCKS THE BUILDING...

WITHIN MINUTES, THE POLICE RESPOND TO THE SCENE, AND...

YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, PHANTOM LADY? THAT WAS LIKE A CYCLONE, BUT IT SCARED A FULL CONFESSION OUT OF THOSE CROOKS!

I'M OKAY, OFFICER, BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU'D CALL RACKET-BUSTING THE HARD WAY!

SOON AFTERWARD, TWO FRIENDS MEET...

GLAD YOU HAD SENSE ENOUGH TO LEAVE, SANDRA, BUT DID YOU HEAR HOW PHANTOM LADY SAVED ME? THEY WERE BLAMING ME FOR BETTY'S DEATH...

WHAT SPECIAL INTEREST DOES PHANTOM LADY HAVE IN YOU? I'M JEALOUS, DON BORDEN!

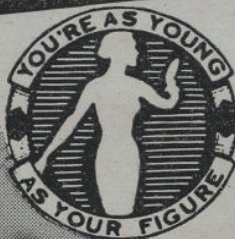
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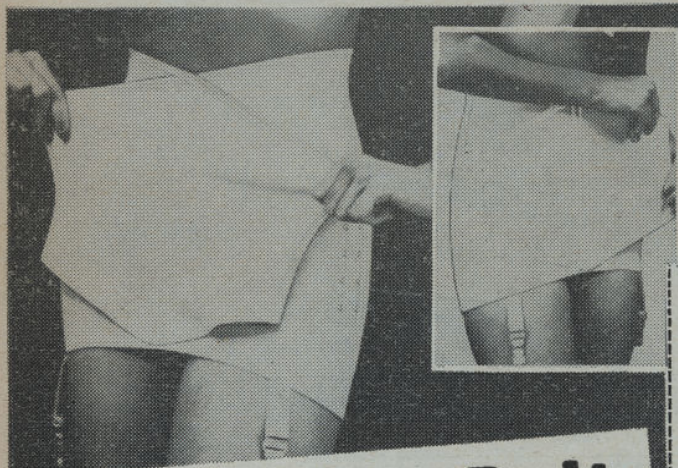


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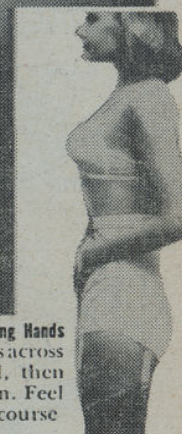
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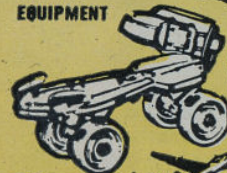
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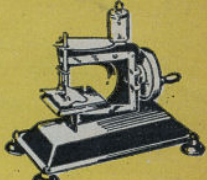
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